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It is reported that the following directives, addressed to senior officials only, were issued by the Politburo of KKE on 1 October 1946. They supplement the decisions taken during a special Politburo meeting on 26 September and announced in the "Rizospastis" on the following day.

1. The Andartes Movement and the Extension of the Civil War:

The monarcho-fascist Government's efforts to present these activities as the work of the Balkan Democracies were merely attempts to distort the truth, obscure the issue and enable serious incidents to be staged with the help of the Anglo-Saxons. This plan would fail, as KKE and the Greek people could not be so easily misled. Communists and the Greek people would therefore oppose any action against the Balkan Democracies by the Government or the Anglo-Saxons. As the situation both at home and abroad was expected to become even more acute this month, Communists and the Greek people should be prepared to face any eventuality.

2. The Internal Situation:

As was to be expected, "George's" return had contributed nothing to the political situation except further intrigues, which would increase without producing any results. Such intrigues could not lead to the formation of either an All-Party or a Coalition Government. While following these developments closely, KKE once more wished to state that it would not accept any conditions other than those announced by the Politburo in the "Rizospastis" of 27 September. Members could be sure of being led to final victory by the central leadership of the Party. They were warned that the struggle would be hard and would cause much bloodshed, but there was no other solution. They should, therefore, prepare to go underground. They must also realize that the civil war would spread considerably, and be ready to fight even the British if they interfered. The motto should be: "an eye for an eye".

3. The Cost of Living:

This was reaching an alarming height in Athens. Food was disappearing from the markets or had reached unheard-of prices. The Party, especially KOA, should not remain inactive in such a situation. KOA should make immediate preparations for a campaign for the survival of the Athens population.

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Winter was coming on and the Power Company was threatening to increase the cost of electricity or to curtail lighting. Mass committees from all classes should launch a vigorous campaign against the Power Company and the present high cost of living. They should demand the nationalization of the Power Company and the release of food stocks held by the Ministry of Supply. The Government should be urged to allow free imports of food, especially any that was available in the Balkan Democracies and southeastern Europe, and to arrange the necessary credits in foreign exchange. A member of the City Committee of KOA would be detailed to organize this campaign. It was pointed out that right-wing organizations had already stolen a march on KOA. Pensioned officers had threatened to go on a hunger strike and had planned to lay their uniforms and decorations at the foot of the Unknown Soldier's Tomb if the cost of living were not reduced.

4. Acts of Aotides:

These should be held at the offices of "Rizospastis", "Eleftheri Ellada", or the "Communist Review". The last Politburo directives and Zachariades' article in "Rizospastis" of 1 October should be analyzed during these meetings.

5. Movements of Officials:

Spyros Kalodikiis and Vassilis Markozinis would be relieved of their duties with KOA and replaced by Antonios Roussos and another supernumerary member of KOA. Roussos would replace Markozinis as Secretary of EAM Athens, and the City Committee would find a replacement for Kalodikiis as Second Secretary.

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